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Dredging Work on Brahmaputra River
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the navigation on Brahmaputra river by undertaking dredging work therein;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(c) the time frame set for implementation of the said work?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)to(c):River Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya was declared as National Waterway -2 (NW -2) in 1988. Thereafter, NW-2 has been developed with fairway channel of 45 m width and depth of 2.5 m in Dhubri − Neamati stretch, 2.0 m in Neamati - Dibrugarh stretch and 1.5 m in Dibrugarh - Sadiya stretch respectively for shipping and navigation. The required fairway depth has been ensured through maintenance dredging, river training and conservancy works, which are carried out on regular basis. Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) at 4 locations at Dhubri, Jogighopa, Silghat and Dibrugarh to give the accurate position of the navigable channel have been established along NW-2. The NW-2 is already operational.

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